

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: MINNESOTA

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

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Survey and Certification Education Program

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The State has in effect the following survey and certification periodic educational program for the staff and residents (and their representatives) of nursing facilities in order to present current regulations, procedures and policies.

The Minnesota Department of Health, the State survey and certification agency, fulfills this requirement by:

- 1) Issuing a quarterly newsletter, *The Resource*, to all nursing facilities, and nursing home organizations and resident councils, which updates them on changes in the survey process and on new requirements;
- 2) Issuing Informational Bulletins to facilities to transmit or clarify information;
- 3) Conducting training sessions; and
- 4) Speaking to industry and consumer groups on survey issues upon request and based on staff availability.

The State of Minnesota also appropriates money to support a statewide education and support program for resident and family councils. These councils are mandated by State law.

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